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SUBJECT: VISIT OF IESC OFFICIALS

REF: STATE 97612 AND MONROVIA 2875

1. THE AMBASSADOR AND IESC OFFICIALS, HOPKINS, AUBRY, AND MCANALLY CALLED ON PRESIDENT TOLBERT ON MAY 12. HOPKINS BRIEFED THE PRESIDENT ABOUT IESC'S GLOBAL ACTIVITIES WHILE MCANALLY DESCRIBED SOME OF THE LIBERIAN PROJECTS IESC HAS ASSISTED IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS (60 PROJECTS IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS). HOPKINS THEN OUTLINED IESC'S NEW PROGRAM OF HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES. PRESIDENT REACTED MOST FAVORABLE AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THIS NEW PROGRAM. PRESIDENT THEN EXPRESSED REAL CONCERN FOR MANAGEMENT OF GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS. HE WAS INFORMED THAT IESC VOLUNTEERS ARE ALREADY HELPING GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND AGENCIES SUCH AS THE NATIONAL PORT AUTHORITY, LIBERIA ELECTRICITY CORPORATION, NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY CORPORATION, GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY AND THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS. MINISTER OF STATE WITHOUT PORTFOLIO CHARLES CLARKE WAS APPOINTED TO SERVE AS LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN IESC AND THE PRESIDENT.

2. MCANALLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT IESC WOULD BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED LIBERIA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES. AS A STARTER IESC PLANS TO ASSIST 5 OR 6 SMALL BUSINESSES BY MAKING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR EACH COMPANY. AN IESC SMALL BUSINESS SPECIALIST WOULD BE SENT
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TO OVERSEE THE PROGRAM.

3. COMMENT:
IF STRONG PRESIDENTIAL INTEREST AND SUPPORT CAN BE SUSTAINED, IESC SHOULD DO EVEN BETTER THAN IN THE PAST IN ITS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO LIBERIA.
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